

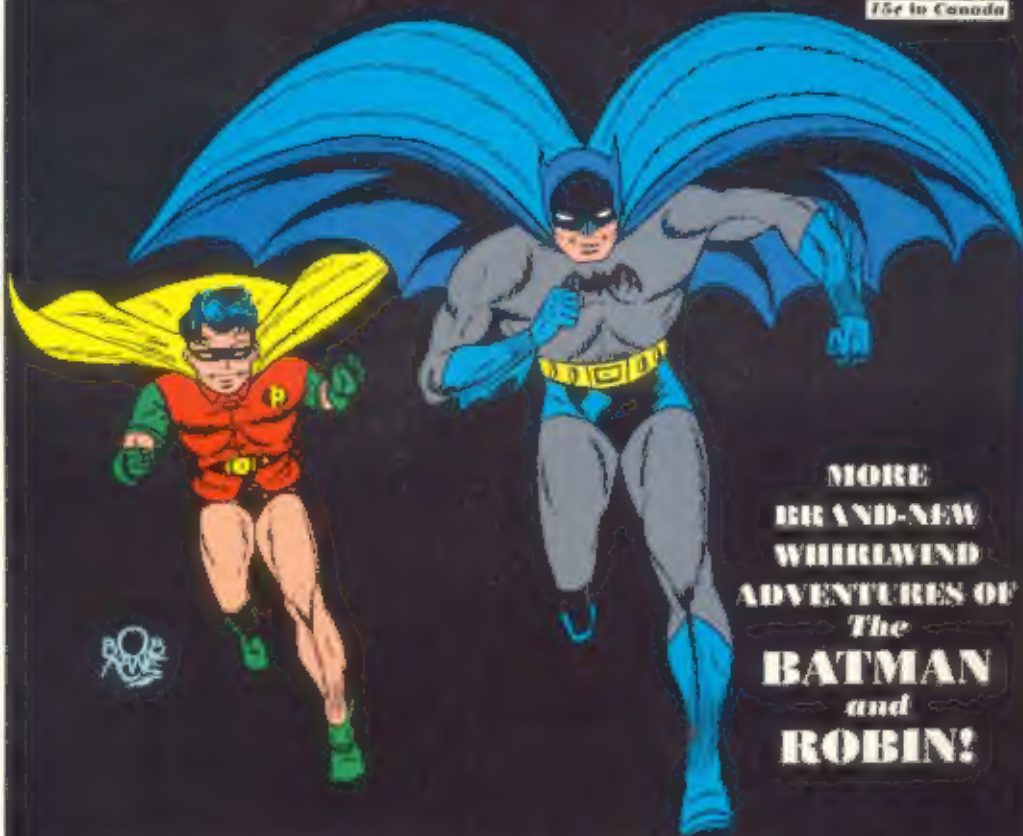
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FALL ISSUE

BATMAN



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MORE
BRAND-NEW
WHIRLWIND
ADVENTURES OF
The
BATMAN
and
ROBIN!

ROSE
ADAMS

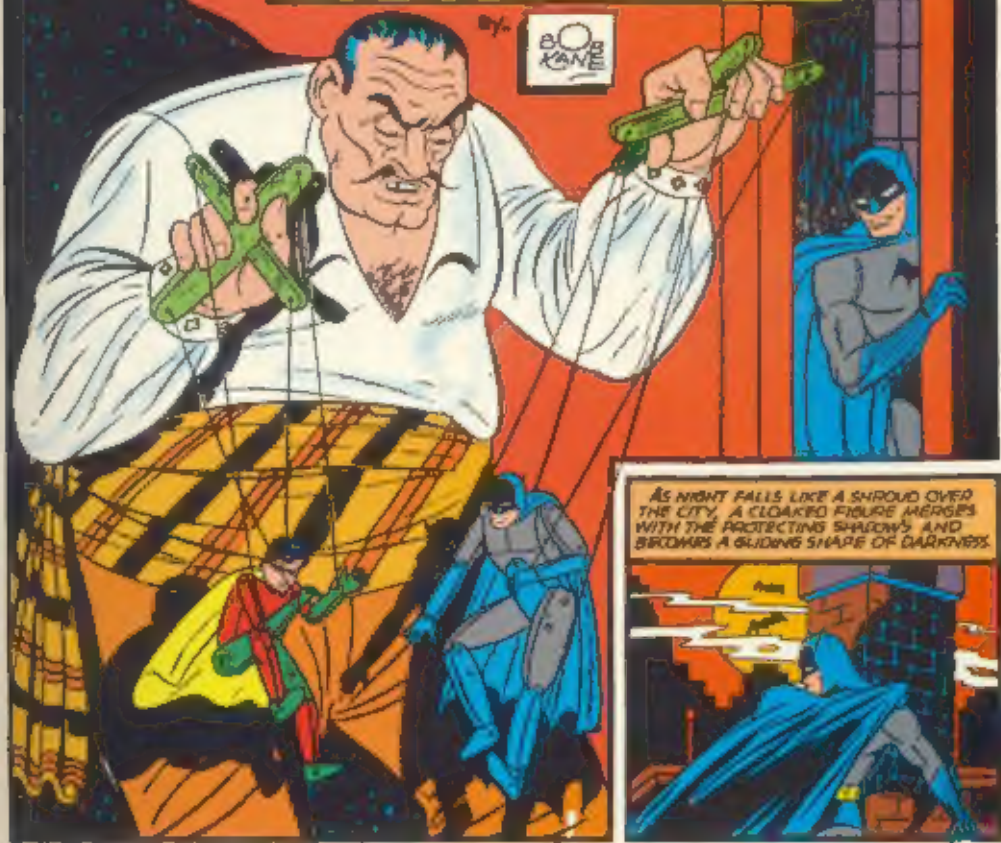
BATMAN

WITH
Robin
-THE BOY WONDER-

BRUCE WAYNE, BORING SOCIETY PLAYBOY BY DAY, MEMBER OF CRIME BY NIGHT! THIS IS THE WAY OF THAT STRANGE MYSTERIOUS FIGURE KNOWN AS... THE BATMAN! WITH HIS YOUNG AIDE, DICK GRAYSON, CALLED ROBIN THE BOY WONDER, HE AGAIN MATCHES WITS WITH AN EVIL, ALL-POWERFUL BEING ABLE TO SWAY THE MINDS OF MEN... A BEING WHO PULLS THE STRINGS OF HIS HUMAN MARIONETTES WITH MAD SKILLFUL FINGERS! THIS IS...

"THE STRANGE CASE OF THE DIABOLICAL PUPPET MASTER"

by



AS NIGHT FALLS LIKE A SHROUD OVER THE CITY, A CLOAKED FIGURE MERGES WITH THE PROTECTING SHADOWS, AND BECOMES A GLIDING SHAPE OF DARKNESS.





**SUPERFOE OF CRIME
THE BATMAN
AGAIN TAKES
TO HIS
LONE PATROL**



**KEEN EYES DETECT
SUSPICIOUS ACTION!**

QUEERY! THAT
MAN IN THE
COSSACK'S COSTUME
SEEMS TO BE GOING
OUT OF HIS WAY TO
BUMP INTO
THAT MAN?



**LIKE A MAMMOTH BAT HE
PLUMMETS TO THE STREET
BELOW!**

I BEE
YOUR
PARDON- BUT
I SHOULD LIKE
TO KNOW WHY
YOU FOUND IT
NECESSARY TO
SHOVE ME?
UH?

SO
SHOULD IT
THERE SEEMED
TO BE PLENTY
OF WALKING
SPACE?



ABRUPTLY...

WHAT'S
YOUR GAME,
BUDDY?
WHAT...

I DON'T
HAVE TO ANSWER
TO YOU!
GET OUT OF
MY WAY!

A
CRUSHING
BLOW
FROM
BEHIND!



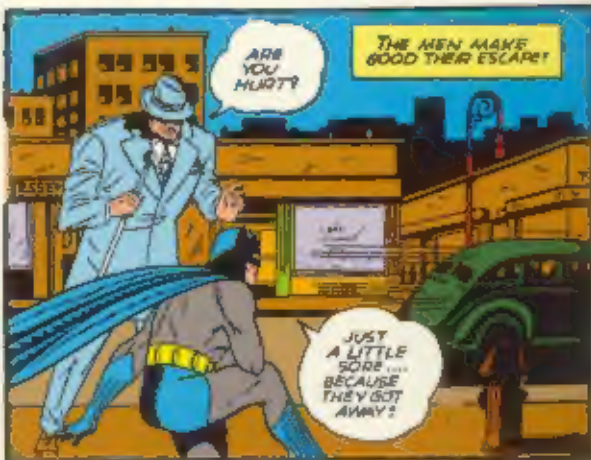
**THE BATMAN'S FIST FLICKS
OUT IN A LIGHTNING MOVE!!**



**SUDDENLY, THREE FIGURES
LEAP FROM A SPEEDING
CAB THAT SCREECHES TO
A HALT!...**

THE
MASTER
WILL BE
DISPLEASED!

I'LL
STOP THE
CLOAKED
ONE!



ARE
YOU
HURRY?

**THE MEN MAKE
GOOD THEIR ESCAPE!**

JUST
A LITTLE
SORE...
BECAUSE
THEY GOT
AWAY!

THE BATMAN LEARNS THE MAN IS THE FAMOUS SCIENTIST DR. CRAIG!

EVER SEE THOSE MEN BEFORE? KNOW WHAT THEY MIGHT BE AFTER?

NO! UNLESS IT IS MY FORMULA FOR ATOMIC ENERGY! IT WOULD BE OF TREMENDOUS VALUE IN WAR!



A FORMULA FOR ATOMIC ENERGY! MANY A FOREIGN POWER WOULD LIKE TO OWN THAT SECRET!



WHEN DR. CRAIG GOES ON HIS WAY...

AS DR. CRAIG WALKS, HE NOTICES A SMALL SCRATCH ON HIS HAND...

I MUST HAVE SCRATCHED MYSELF BY ACCIDENT WHEN THAT FELLOW DUMBED INTO ME! OH WELL... IT'S JUST A SCRATCH!



JUST A SCRATCH... A TINY SCRATCH... YET IT IS THIS SCRATCH THAT IS THE BEGINNING OF WHAT WAS MEANT TO BE A SCHEME SO FANTASTIC AS TO BE ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE!

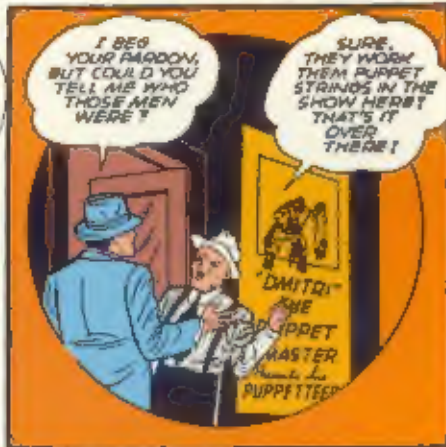
THE NEXT DAY AS BRUCE WAYNE WALKS THE STREETS...

WELL! MY PLAYFUL COMPANIONS OF LAST NIGHT! NOW, WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY'VE ENTERED THAT ALLEY?



I BEG YOUR PARDON, BUT COULD YOU TELL ME WHO THOSE MEN WERE?

SURE, THEY WORK THEM PUPPET STRINGS IN THE SHOW HERE! THAT'S IT OVER THERE!



AT THAT NIGHT'S SHOW BRUCE IS AMONG THE AUDIENCE.



THAT'S THEM ALL RIGHT! PERHAPS ROBIN WILL FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!

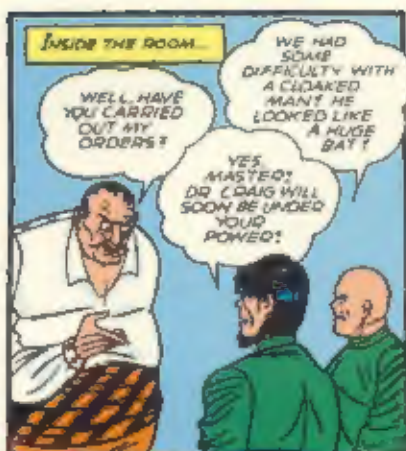
IN AN EMPTY DRESSING ROOM NEXT TO THE ONE OCCUPIED BY THE PUPPET MASTER... ROBIN THE BOY WONDER!

THE SHOW IS OVER! THEY'RE ENTERING THE ROOM!

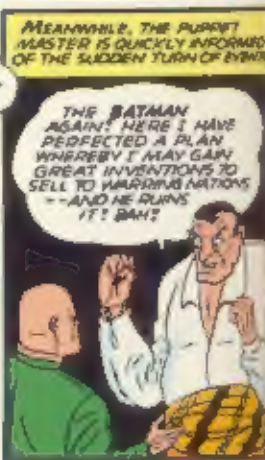


SWIFTLY, ROBIN APPLIES AN INSTRUMENT TO THE WALL, VERY MUCH LIKE A DOCTOR'S STETHOSCOPE, ENABLING HIM TO HEAR ALL THAT TRANSPIRES...









THE VOSS RIFLE
ARRIVES
TOMORROW NIGHT!
IT IS WELL
GUARDED
BY SOLDIERS!

ALL
WILL BE
TAKEN CARE
OF! THE "THOUGHT"
SERUM WILL
BRING US MANY
RECRUITS TO
FIGHT THEM!

...AND THE BATMAN...
SHOULD HE BY CHANCE
INTERFERE... USE THE
NEEDLE AND INJECT
THE "THOUGHT"
SERUM INTO
HIM!

THE NEXT DAY FINDS THE
PUPPET MASTER'S AGENTS
PROBING THE CHEAP CAFE
BARS, ROOMS OF THE UNDER-
WORLD, "ACCIDENTALLY"
SCRATCHING HOOKLINGS UNDER
NEELES OF SERUM.

HEY,
WATCH IT,
BUDDY!
YOU
SCRATCHED
ME!

I'M SORRY!
I MUST HAVE
A PIN STICKING
OUT OF MY
SUIT!
SORRY!

THAT NIGHT, THE
PUPPET MASTER
WEARS THE MYSTIC
SPELL THAT BRINGS
A HORDE OF PUPPET
HOOKLINGS UNDER
HIS SWAY.

TWO FIGURES RACE ALONG AN
UNDERGROUND PASSAGE BENEATH
WAYNE'S HOME...



THE
VOSS GUN
IS BEING
SHIPPED BY THE
METROPOLIS LIMITED!
THAT'S WHERE
WE'RE HEADING!

...IT LEADS TO AN
OLD, SEEMINGLY
DESERTED BARN
WHICH HOUSES
A WEIRD LOOKING
VEHICLE...
THE BATPLANE...

LOOK
IN THE
SKY!
A BAT!

A
BAT!

SILHOUETTED
AGAINST THE
MOON, THE
BATPLANE
PROVES AN
Eerie
SIGHT!

EVEN AS IT ROCKETS THROUGH
THE SKY, TRAGEDY HAS ALREADY
STRUCK! THE METROPOLIS
LIMITED... THE PUPPET MASTER'S
MEN HAVE ATTACKED!

THE TRAIN HAS
STOPPED! GET THE
VOSS GUN! IT'S IN
THE BAGGAGE CAR!
USE YOUR TEAR GAS
BOMBS ON THE
SOLDIERS!



SUDDENLY
THE BATPLANE
IS SIGHTED
SWOOPING
DOWN.

THE
BATPLANE

A BAT?

LOOK?

AS THE PLANE WHIRLS LOW OVER THE
TRAIN, ROBIN'S DANGLING FORM TAKES
ITS TOLL OF MEN!



OFF
YOU
GO!



COMING
TO GREET
MEY NOW
TOUCHING!

SETTING THE CONTROLS
WHICH ENABLE THE
BATPLANE TO REMAIN
STATIONARY, THE
BATMAN LOWERS
HIMSELF INTO THE
BAGGAGE CAR.

WHIRLING SWIFTLY,
THE CLOAKED
FIGHTER'S FIST
LASHES OUT!

YOU SHOULDN'T
SURPRISE
ME LIKE
THAT! MY
HEART, YOU
KNOW!



SORRY!
I'M NOT
AT HOME
TO
VISITORS!

-T- THAT
(COUGH) TEAR
G-GAS (COUGH)
(COUGH)

COUGH
COUGH

COUGH
COUGH

SUDDENLY A MAN CHARGES THE BATMAN
FROM BEHIND... AND SCRATCHES HIM
PLATIVELY WITH THE NEEDLE OF "THOUGHT"
SERUM!



TEAR GAS BOMBS ARE
THROWN AT THE FIGHTING
DUO!

TEAR
GAS!
ROBIN!
TO THE
PLANE
QUICKLY!

AS BULLETS
WHISTLE ABOUT
THEM, THE TWO
LEAP FOR THE
DANGLING LADDER
OF THE
BATPLANE!

HURRY,
ROBIN!
THROW TEAR
GAS. WILL
THEY—WELL,
I'VE GOT A
REMEDY
FOR THAT!

SHOOTING LOBBY OVER
THE MOON, THE BATMAN
RELEASES PELLETS WHICH
NEUTRALIZE THE
TEAR GAS, RENDERING
IT HARMLESS.....

THE EFFECT OF THE
TEAR GAS GONE, THE
SOLDIERS QUICKLY
RECOVER AND PUT
THE PUPPET MASTER'S
MEN TO ROUTE AS THE
BATPLANE WINGS AWAY
IN THE SKY!

WELL,
I GUESS
WE'RE NOT
NEEDED
HERE
ANYMORE!

ALL
RIGHT MEN!
LET'S GET
THE RATE!

ONE HIRELING ESCAPES TO
REPORT TO THE PUPPET MASTER!

JUST
ABOUT ONE
OF THOSE
FELLOWS MUST
HAVE HAD SHARP
NAILS?
SCRATCHED
MY FACE?!

— AND,
MASTER,
BEFORE HE
COULD STOP
ME I
SCRATCHED
HIM WITH
THE NEEDLE!

THE BATMAN?
SCRATCHED HIM, YOU SAY?
GOOD! I'LL FIX
THAT MEDDLER
ONCE AND FOR ALL!

WITH DEFT FINGERS
THE MADMAN BEGINS TO
FASHION A PUPPET IN
THE FORM OF A FAMILIAR
FIGURE...

IGNORANT OF THE "THOUGHT" SERUM,
THE BATMAN ATTACHES NO IMPORTANCE TO
THE SCRATCH AND DOES NOT
REALIZE HIS IMPENDING DANGER!

WHAT IS
THIS TINY
EFFIGY THAT
DANIELS SO
LOUDLY CROOCHES
BEFORE US? CAN
IT BE...
THE BATMAN?

SEE HOW PRE-
HE DANCE FOR ME?
A BUDDY WITH
PROPHECY FOR
SUCH HE SHALL BE
ONE OF US. FORTY-
THE BATMAN
A PUPPET! NO
NO NO NO!

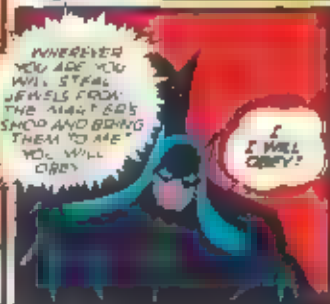
YOU
WILL OBEY
ME
OBEY ME?

THE PUPPET
MASTERS THOUGHTS
POUND AGAINST
HIS BRAIN...

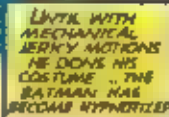


WHEREVER
YOU ARE YOU
WILL STEAL
JEWELS FROM
THE MALL? SO'S
SHOO AND BOW
THEM TO ME
YOU WILL
OBEY!

I
WILL
OBEY!



LINK WITH
MECHANICAL
JERKY MOTIONS
HE DOES HIS
COSTUME... THE
BATMAN HAS
BECOME HYPNOTIZED!



THE PUPPET
MASTERS WIFE
A PHONE
CALL!

POLICE
HEADQUARTERS!
I THOUGHT YOU
WOULDN'T LIKE TO
KNOW THAT
THE BATMAN
IS GOING TO
ROB MASTERS!

WHAT?
THE BATMAN?
I DON'T
BELIEVE IT
WHO ARE
YOU?

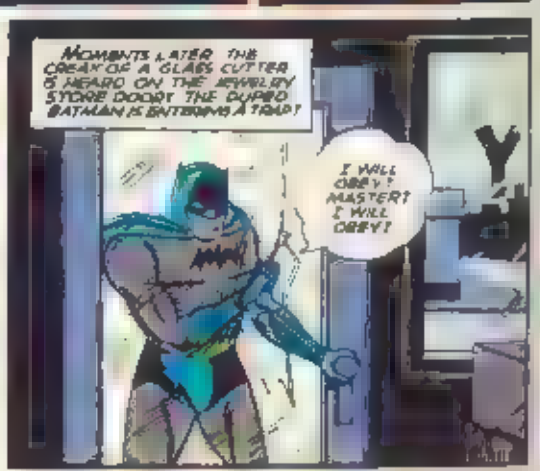


HE'LL BE
SHOT DOWN
LIKE A THIEF!
DISORACED
FOR EAT
HSH!



MOMENTS LATER THE
CREAK OF A GLASS CUTTER
IS HEARD ON THE JEWELRY
STORE DOOR. THE PUPPET
BATMAN IS ENTERING A TRAP!

I WILL
OBEY! MASTER!
I WILL
OBEY!





MEANWHILE DICK UNABLE TO SLEEP
DISCOVERS THAT BRUCE IS GONE!

HIS COSTUME'S GONE
TOO! HE MUST HAVE
GONE TO GET THE
PUPPET MASTER! HE
MIGHT NEED HELP.
I THINK I'LL GO
THERE!

ROBIN SEES A
FAMILY AD FLYING
THROUGH THE SKY
TOWARD THE PUPPET
MASTER'S HOUSE!

6000
THING THE
NEWS PAPERS
CARRIED THE
PUPPET MASTER
ADDRESS WHEN
THEY WROTE
HIS PUPPET
SHOW!
SAY "PODS
THE BATMAN
NOW!"

GOING
AFTER THE
PUPPET MASTER
WITHOUT ME
WEREN'T YOU?
SAY WHAT
HAVE YOU
GOT IN
THE BAG?

IN HIS HYPNOTIZED STATE, THE
BATMAN THINKS ROBIN IS TRYING
TO ROB HIM OF THE JEWELS HE MUST
DELIVER AND STRIKES ROBIN!

THESE ARE
FOR THE MASTER!
I MUST OBEY!

WNA

"HE H!" "ME"
MY BEST FRIEND
AND HE H!
ME?

SUDDENLY THE BATMAN'S
WORDS SINK INTO THE
BOY'S MIND!

MASTER?
OBEY? I
I'VE GOT
Y'... HE'S
HYPNOTIZED!

WITHOUT A MOMENT'S HESITATION,
THE BOY WONDER HITS HIS FRIEND
ON HIS UNPROTECTED JAW!

THIS HURTS
ME MORE THAN
IT DOES YOU, BUT
IT'S JUST GOT
TO BE DONE!

I'M GOING
TO TAKE YOU
HOME, FELLA,
AND SEE IF I
CAN GET YOU
OUT OF YOUR
HYPNOTIC
STATE!

MOMENTS LATER A CLEANED RIDER WALKS WITH MECHANICAL STEPS INTO THE SANCTUM OF THE PUPPET MASTER. NOW IS THIS? HAS ROBIN FAILED?

SUDDENLY THE MANTLED FORM LUNGES FORWARD!

BABY, AS LONG AS YOU WANT IT YOU'RE GOING TO GET IT!

WHY WHY YOU'RE NOT HYPERNATURAL AT ALL!

MASTER! I COME WITH THE JEWELS! I HAVE OBEYED!

BATMAN, ALIVE

ONE IT TO ME!

A LST THING AGAINST THE PUPPET MASTER'S ANY

35° 12' 30" N
101° 12' 30" W
101° 12' 30" W
101° 12' 30" W
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101° 12' 30" W
101° 12' 30" W
101° 12' 30" W

AND ANOTHER

NOW I'M GOING TO PUT YOU IN A HYPNOTIC STATE* FROM NOW ON YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FEEL A THING!

LOOKS LIKE THAT THE ELECTRONIC SPELL WASN'T AS GOOD AS YOU TO BEAT THAT WIZARD'S SPELL!

IT NOT ONLY BROKE MY SPELL BUT THE PUPPET MASTER'S TOO FOR GOOD!

WELL, I GUESS WE OUGHT TO DELIVER THE PUPPET MASTER TO THE POLICE!

YET, AND EXPLAIN WHY IT WAS! SUDDENLY TURNED THIEF I WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY AND THE WORLD KNOW THAT THE BATMAN WILL NEVER STOP FIGHTING CRIME!

THE BATMAN AND ROBIN THE BOY WONDER, BATTLE THEIR WAY THROUGH AMAZING ADVENTURES EVERY MONTH IN DETECTIVE COMICS

DON'T MISS IT!

BATMAN

WITH
Robin
"THE BOY WONDER"

BY

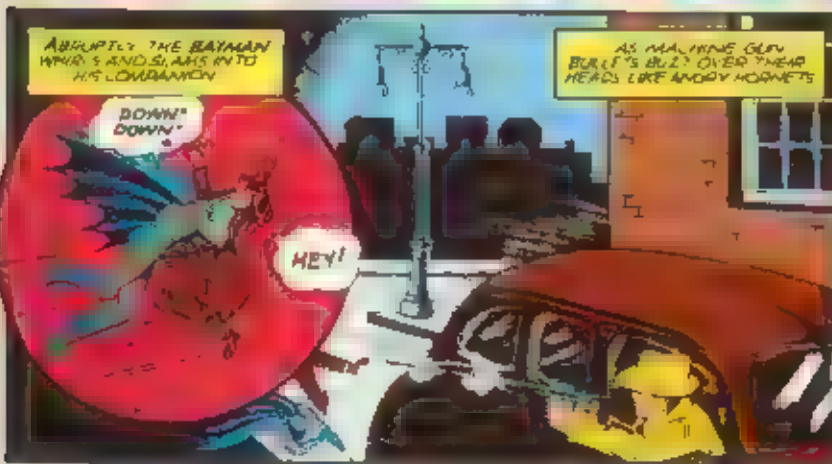
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MOORE

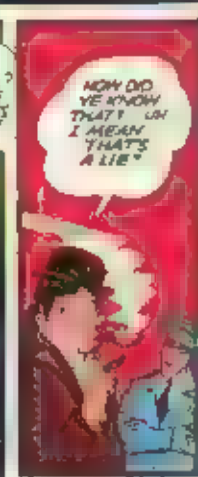
WHEN "DIME BORDERED ON THE
UNEXPLAINABLE" THAT WAS THE
THE "LIGHT" BATMAN AND "THE
AIGHT" ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
CLASHED TO "TALK" IN A "SILENT
REAL MEN" AND "ROBOT" ARE
"DROSTER" THE "LLO" "GAIN"
"MA BELT" IS
"THE UGLIEST MAN IN THE WORLD"

WHILE ON HIS
NOCTURNAL MIDNIGHT
DROWL THE BATMAN
SPOTS A MAN ENBALED
IN AN UNEQUAL STRUGGLE
AND DECIDES TO LEND
HIM ASSISTANCE

SNAPPING
GRIET LIKE
A STEEL
SPRING THE
BATMAN
DARTS FORWARD
FISTS FLYING

THE
BATMAN?
LET'S
GET OUT
OF
HERE!!





I'D GIVE A PRETTY PENNY TO KNOW WHO THE BATMAN REALLY IS * BUT AS SURE AS MY NAME IS MCGONIGLE, ONE OF THESE DAYS I'M GOING TO FIND OUT !!

BUT AT THAT MOMENT THE BATMAN IS ANSWERING A GONIGLE'S QUESTION BY PEELING OFF HIS COSTUME AND REVEALING BRUCE WAYNE, SOCIETY PLAYBOY!

MOMENTS LATER, IN HIS ROLE OF RICH F WAYNE, SOCIETY IDLER, HE ENTERS THE LAVISH DRAWING ROOM OF HARVEY DODGE

I'D BETTER HURRY IF I INTEND TO KEEP THAT APPOINTMENT TONIGHT WITH DODGE.

BRUCE I HAD A MOST GIVEN UP HOPE THAT YOU WERE COMING!

WHAT ARE YOU MISSING A GOOD DINNER? DON'T BE SILLY! HOW ARE YOU, DODGE, OLD BOY?

I'VE ANOTHER GUEST BESIDES YOU, BRUCE MEET * LARRY LADDIMORE *

MR WAYNE *

HOW DO YOU DO MR LADDIMORE *

AFTER DELIBERATE OF DINNER THE MEN SET AND ONLY CHAT

AS DODGE SAID TO ME WHEN I MET HIM A FEW DAYS AGO * LADDIMORE HE SAID

SA * DODGE CALLED FELLA OLD LADDIMORE POSITIVELY SILLY

I I DON'T FEEL WELL * F I

BEFORE THEIR VERY EYES A CHANGE COMES OVER DODGE'S FACE HIS FINE FEATURES SEEM TO GROW COARSE * GROW THICK

HIS FEATURES BECOME RUDE * D. MCGONIGLE HIS EYES BECOME WATERY HIS NOSE GROWS THICK WITH WIDE NOSTRILS.

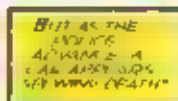
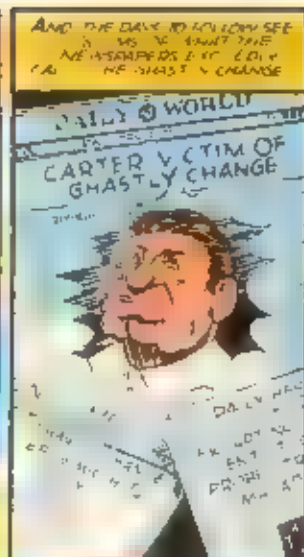
UNTIL IN PLACE OF THE INTELLIGENT MCGONIGLE HERE'S NOW A HUGE IDLY PERSON * A. A. MCGONIGLE'S FACE

GOOD LORD! LOOK! HIS FACE!



WHA WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?

I DON'T KNOW



BRUCE WAYNE GETS TO WORK VISITS HIS GOOD FRIEND POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON

MC DONVILLE TELLS ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE WITH THE UGLY MEN

AS BRUCE LEAVES WITH MC DONVILLE

I TELL YOU BRUCE THIS CASE IS DOING ME BATTY! OH, IT'S YOU MC DONVILLE WHAT DO YOU WANT!

(COUGH) WELL, SIR IT'S ABOUT THIS UGLY HORROR BUSINESS, SIR!

AS SURE AS MY NAME IS MC DONVILLE, SIR, IT'S THE SAME BUNCH THAT TRIED TO BURN DOWN THE MUSEUM THE NIGHT I ALMOST GOT THE BATMAN

AS LONG AS YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THEM, I'M ASSIGNING YOU TO THE CASE! AND FOR MRS JARROLD - AND YOU ALMOST GOT THE BATMAN!

BE'WEEN YOU AND ME, I THINK THE CHIEF IS JEALOUS OF ME BECAUSE I ALMOST CAPTURED THE BATMAN! AND I'LL GET HIM YET, TOO!

I AM SURE YOU WILL! YOU'RE A MAN OF GREAT TALENT! MRS DONVILLE, GREAT TALENT!

BRUCE VISITS POOR DODGE THE FIRST VICTIM OF THE GHASTLY CHANGE

YOU WERE LARRYMORE! HOW'D DODGE ANY CHANGE?

NONE AT ALL! POOR DODGE JUST SITS AND LOOKS AT HIMSELF IN A MIRROR ALL DAY LONG! I THINK IT'S AFFECTED HIS MIND!

WHERE'S THE BOSS?

THAT NIGHT A GROUP OF INCREDIBLY UGLY MENHANS MEET IN A LARGE, TAVERNIOUS ROOM.

AIN'T HE EVER COMING?

QUIET!

THE LEADER WILL APPEAR WHEN HE IS READY!

SUDDENLY A DEADLY HUSH FALLS OVER THE GROUP AS A MAN STEPS FROM BEHIND THE CURTAIN AND ONTO THE Dais. A MAN WHO IS UNDOUBTEDLY THE UGLIEST MAN IN THE WORLD.

PEOPLE SHOWN US BECAUSE WE ARE UGLY? THEY WORSHIP BEAUTY! WE & WE SHALL DESTROY ALL BEAUTY! MAKE THEM KNEEL TO US! WE, THE UGLY RULERS! WE SHALL RULE ALL & THAT NOT SO!

THE WORLD PROSTITUTES ITSELF BEFORE BEAUTY, BUT SOON SOON I SHALL DESTROY ALL THAT!

LATER, AS THE UGLIEST MAN IN THE WORLD STANDS ALONE IN HIS ROOM

THE LEADER!

THE DEFORMED MEN FALL UNDER THE SPELL OF THE ALMOST MYSTIC BRILLIANT SPEECH OF THEIR LEADER

SEIZING A KNIFE, HE BEGINS TO HACK AND SLASH AT A BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAIN, LAUGHING ALL THE WHILE. LIKE A MADMAN.

HA HA! THIS IS WHAT I SHALL DO TO ALL PRETTY THINGS! HA HA HA! GOOD BYE, BEAUTY! HA HA HA!



WHILE AT THAT MOMENT BRUCE WAYNE READS AN INTERESTING ITEM ADDED TO DIN BRAYSON WHO IS IN REALITY ROBIN THE BOY WONDER.

AND SO FEADING THE MADNESS COUNTRY WILL APPROPRIATE THIS GREAT ART TREASURE, SO DAVIA HAS SENT IT TO THE UNITED STATES. IT WILL BE UNLOADED TONIGHT AT PIER 3 FROM THE SHIP!

BRUCE I CAN ALMOST READ YOUR MIND!



YOU THINK THIS JULY HORDE WILL TRY TO DESTROY THIS STATUE AS IT'S UNLOADED?

THIS STATUE IS A HANDSOME ONE FOUR 'T OUT FOR YOURSELF!



A MOMENT LATER AS BATMAN AND ROBIN THEY ARE READY TO WATH COME'S MEASURES WITH ACTIONS OF THEIR OWN.

C'MON, ROBIN, HE'VE GOT A DATE WITH DEATH, AT PIER 3.



AT PIER 3, THE JULY HORDE DESCENDS UPON THE GUARDS IN OVERWHELMING NUMBERS.



BUT TWO BASH MORTALS RACE TOWARD THE DREADFUL SCENE READY TO OFFER BATTLE. THEY ARE BATMAN AND ROBIN.

BATMAN!

ROBIN!



BEFORE WE'RE THROUGH WITH YOU YOU'LL KNOW YOU'VE BEEN IN A FIGHT!

LIKE TWO PROBLEM'S THEY ROSE AND THE HORDE SENDS THEM SPRAYING!



PLACING A CALL TO THE
SOUND, ROBIN WHEELS HIS
MARESHALL. A NEW HIGH-TECH
RECUIS. WHILE THE BATMAN'S
TWO "DOWN"ISTS AT THE FILE
WORK OF THEIR OWN.

KEEP
TALKING
RECUIS. I'M
IN "DOWN"
FORM."

HURT
DOESN'T
IT'S

ABRUPTLY THE
SCUM OF
DOWNFIRE AND
MARESHALL
APPEARS"

MARESHALL"

YOU SAVED
ME ONCE!
THIS SORT
OF EVENTS
IT UP!

ABRUPTLY
HE ONLY
HURT'S
CAR
APPEARS

THERE'S
THE
CAR"

LET'S
SEEM"

A BUNCH OF MEN HAVE
OUR FIRE AND THE
CAR MAKES GOOD
IT. ESCAPE AGAIN!

DOWN!
DOWN!
DOWN!"

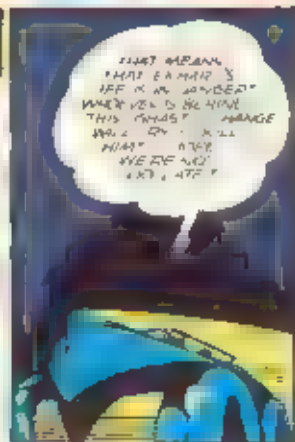
THE
CAR"

DAVE!
WE'LL
WHA"

THE BATMAN
DOES. THEY
RECUIS. DO AGAIN!
BE. IN THE "DOWN"
DO. I'M IN
DOWN. DO. HOUSE
IN THE "DOWN"
AGAIN!"

MARESHALL
AN "DOWN"
SWAMP"

MAN!
SLIDE
IN
SWAMP"





WOW! MY HEAD! SAY LOOK! HE'S ONLY 15! THAT WAS CAUGHT IN THIS WEB!

WHEN THE BATMAN AWAKENS

QUIET! OUR MASTER COMES!



OUR LEADER!

LARRIMORE!



SLOWLY FINGERS PEEL OFF A RUBBEROID MASK AND REVEAL UNDERNEATH THE FEATURES OF THE UGLIEST MAN IN THE WORLD!



JOHN TYLER AND MARY TYLER FOR MY GUESTS I DID YOU WELCOME! UNFORTUNATELY I HAD NO TV ENTERTAINMENT FOR YOU! YOU WILL BE ENTERTAINED BY A VERY INTERESTING STORY!



IT BEGINS WHEN A YOUNG MAN WAS BEING INJECTED INTO A COLLEGE "GATEWAY"

WHAT HAVE YOU GOT HIDE TYLER?

IT'S A MYSTERY NEEDLE FILLED WITH A LOT OF DARK LIQUID. WHEN YOU'RE WITH ME, YOU'LL SEE IT WITH YOUR OWN EYES!



BUT AS TYLER APPROACHED HIS VICTIM, THE INJECTION BECAME REALITY AS ANOTHER ACCIDENTALLY JOSTLED AGAINST HIM!

WATCH IT! THE NEEDLE! IT'S GONE INTO CARLSON!

AT FIRST THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE EFFECT BUT A FEW DAYS LATER CARLSON AWOKE ONE MORNING TO FIND HIS HANDS AND FEET HAD CHANGED OVERNIGHT!



MY FACE! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME! IT'S UGLY! HORRIBLE!

NO ONE ELSE COULD BE FOUND, FOR THE CHEMICALS HAD BEEN MIXED HAZARDOUSLY AND LAY ON THE FLOOR, GUARDED EVEN BY HIS FIANCÉE!



I CAN'T SEE! I CAN'T HEAR! I JUST CAN'T!

I CAN'T SEE! I CAN'T HEAR! I JUST CAN'T!

"CARLSON BECAME A RECIPE AND BEGAN EXPERIMENTING TO FIND THE FLUID THAT HAD CAUSED HIS STRANGE MALADY. AND ONE DAY, A FULL FIFTEEN YEARS LATER..."



"I'VE FOUND IT! NO. 1 FOR MY REVENGE! JUST THE SECRET OF A NEEDLE COATED WITH THIS LIQUID. WILL DO TO THEM WHAT THEY DID TO ME!"

"YOU'RE CARLSON!"

"CARLSON HAD A RUBBEROID MASK MADE. HE KILLED THE MAKER, AND THEN POSING AS THE MAN LARRY HIDE BEGAN HIS REVENGE. UPON THOSE MEN WHO WERE AT HIS INITIATION."

"YES, ME? AND NOW MY REVENGE WILL REALLY BE COMPLETE WHEN I KILL THE FRIEND, AND MY ONCE-UPON-A-TIME FIANCEE, JULY NIDEN, AS WELL!"

"NO, NO! YOU'RE MAD! NO DOUBT!"

"AND AS THE MADMAN STALKS TOWARD THEM, WHAT OF ROBIN THE BOY WONDER? AS SOON AS THE BATMAN HAD LEFT..."

"NEVER MIND ME! GO TO HELP YOUR FRIENDS! HE MAY BE IN DANGER!"

"WELL, AS LONG AS YOU'RE ALL RIGHT NOW!"



"OUTSIDE, ROBIN FLASHES A BEMUSED GAZE OVER THE SPLITTER, AND THE MARKS GLOW IN THE DARKNESS."

"WELL, I FOLLOW THE BATMAN!"



"EXPLANATION: THE TITLES OF THE BATMAN'S CAP ARE COATED WITH A RADIO-ACTIVE SUBSTANCE WHICH GLOWS UNDER AN INFRARED RAY."

"AND SO AS THE LITTLEST MAN POSES THE DEADLY NEEDLE OVER THE HELPLESS WOMAN, SUDDENLY..."



"OUT OF MY WAY, JULY! I'VE THINGS TO DO!"

"ROBIN! THAT'S NO SHOT OF YOURS! ALWAYS COMING THROUGH AT THE RIGHT TIME!"



"AND HE, THE BATMAN, IS FREE, MUCH TO THE CONSTERNATION OF THE LITTLE HURDET!"

"A SLASH AT THE ROPE!"

"WILE GOING KID?"



"COME ONE, COME ALL!"



AND STANDING IN THE DOORWAY
A SMOKING PISTOL IN HIS HAND IS
THAT MAN SAYS MEN BEGONE

I WAS LIKE I
 MADE A TRIP
 TO THE TOWN
 I GOT THE FEEL
 REMEMBER THE
 THE LITTLE HOUSE
 AND CHARTER NAME
 AND I GOT THE
 BATHING UP WITH
 EXE AND AND
 NO TRICKS

OK AND WHY
YES? BECAUSE
I WOULDN'T
THINK OF
TRYING
YOU?

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I HEFT VO
EVERY A F YTH
DND YOR LND
GET THE DEAI
WAS NEEF ?

WAS A
MOMENT I
SAID "FED
THAT KID
WALKIN' THAT
FRN FLASH
LIGHT FOR HIS
OVER FIREMACKS
I KNEW WHERE HE
WAS GOING
FOLLOWED
HIM"

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YEH-TEH?
WHY IS SOMEONE
DON'T YOU
KNOW A
GENTLEMAN
ALWAYS REMOVES
HIS HAT IN THE
PRESENCE OF
COMPANY?

YOU
MAY
YOU

THE PAPER SAYS
THAT EKHART CAN
RE TOWN HE VIL INS
OF THE "ONACTY
THANKS BRIN IN
VORNA BY DELCAR
DUSH OF THYND
EX GACT' WHAT
DOES THA'
MEAN?

CARLSON'S
AND THE MARS
ABLE IN
PARA YZE
THE TAYLOR
GO AND AND
FALL A TAYLOR
ON G. J. J. J.
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BATMAN

WITH
Robin
THE BOY WONDER

WHILE ON HIS NOCTURNAL
PROM, THE BATMAN SPES
SEEN LOOTING A WAREHOUSE
AND DUMMETS DOWN IN THEIR
MISTY LIKE SOME AVENGING
ANGEL OF DOOM

WHEREVER CRIMINALS MEET SOONER
OR LATER A DEADLY MUSH STILL, THEIR
TALK AS THE SPEAK FURVELLY OF A
DREAD FIGURE OF NIGHT-A FIGURE THAT
SEEMS TO MATERIALIZE OUT OF DARKNESS,
LIKE A FANTASTIC DEMON, THE BATMAN!
THEN A MAN KILL, CURSE AND WHISPER
OF ANOTHER SMALLER FIGURE, A S'URDY
LITRE FIGURE WITH A LURE DEVT, GUIN ON
HIS YOUNG FACE - **ROBIN** THE BOY WONDER
FOR THESE ARE THE TWO WHO ARE THE
ARCH-FOES OF CRIME. IT IS THEY WE
WILL MEET IN THIS THE CASE OF
"THE CRIME SCHOOL FOR BOYS!"

IT'S
THE
BATMAN!

A
N'LE
VAD A
RECEIVED

EP'S
GET
IM

THINK
I'VE
BOYS
GET
A B T

OOOP
OOO
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A SHARP BLADE
CUTS THE ROPES

THIS HAD
BETTER WORK,
CAUSE
IF I
DOESN'T

AS THE ROPES PART
THE BATMAN GRASPS
TWO ENDS AND SWINGS
OUT IN A BREATH
TAKING ARC

THAT
GUY GETS
AROUND
LIKE A
MONKEY!

THE
SHORTEST
DISTANCE
BETWEEN TWO
POINTS IS A
STRAIGHT LINE!

AS THE ROPES REACH THEIR
LOWEST POINT THE
MANTLE FORMETS
GO TO DROP TO THE
AMAZED THUGS SCURRYING
DOWN THE FIRE-ESCAPE!

THAT'S
RIGHT LEAD
WITH YOUR
CHIN EVERY
TIME

OH?

DON'T
WALK OUT
ON A
FRIEND!

AS OTHERS
FRANTICALLY RUN
IN THE SEEDS THE
LOWLY-FLOOR IS
RIGHT BEHIND

YOU
STARTED
THIS BUT I'M
GOING TO
FINISH IT
RIGHT
NOW!

HAMMER-LIKE BLOWS QUICKLY
SUBDUDE THE GUNMEN

I COULDN'T
GET A BETTER
WORKOUT
AT THE
GYM!

TERRIFIED, A
SURVIVING THIEF
ATTEMPTS TO FLEE

DON'T
GO AWAY
WE'VE GOT
THINGS TO
TALK
OVER!

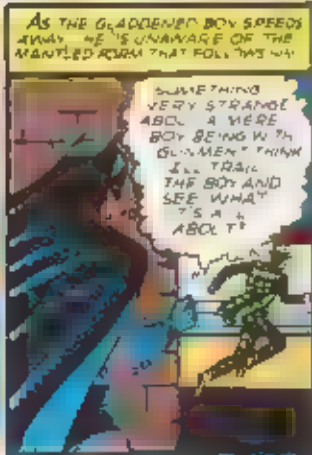


NOW
I'LL WHY
YOU'RE ONLY
A BOY?
ONLY
A KID?

SUDDENLY THERE'S THE SOUND OF
RUNNING FEET - A POLICE WHISTLE

THE COP:
PLEASE
BATMAN DON'T
HAND ME IN!
I'LL GO STRAIGHT
BUT DON'T
HAND ME IN!

OH OH
HE'S
GOING AWAY!
SCRAM!



AS THE GLADDENED BOY SPEEDS
AWAY, HE IS UNAWARE OF THE
HUNTED BATMAN THAT FOLLOWS HIM

SOMETHING
VERY STRANGE
ABOUT A YOUNG
BOY BEING WITH
GUNMEN? THINK
I'LL
FOLLOW
THE BOY AND
SEE WHAT
THIS IS ALL
ABOUT!

THE TRAIL LEADS TO
THE SLUM SECTION OF
THE CITY TO AN OLD
DERELICT WAREHOUSE

ANY SEE
ANYTHING
DOWN THERE
SO I'LL TRY
THE ROOFTOP

IT'S ME!
TOWARD!

OHAY!



THE BATMAN'S
ABLE TO MAKE
QUICK WORK OF
THE WAREHOUSE



PEERING DOWN
THROUGH THE SKYLIGHT
THE BATMAN VIEWS A
STARTLING SIGHT.

WHAT? YOU
SAY SOME OF
BIG BOY DANIELS'
MOB WAS TAKEN
BY THE COPS??
THE BATMAN
DID IT?

HE LET
ME GET
AWAY
CAUSE I
TOLD HIM
I'D GO
STRAIGHT

I STEN TOMAW,
YOU'RE THE BEST
PUPIL I EVER HAD
IN MY SCHOOL. HERE
I TAUGHT YOU EVERY
TRICK I KNOW ABOUT
BEING A PICKPOCKET
SAFE CRACKING
AND THE REST

YEAH
I'M NOY,
"POCKETS"
BUT

THE BEST
PUPIL I HAD,
AND WHEN YOU
GRADUATED, I
GOT YOU A BIG
TIME WITH BIG
BOY DANIELS'.
MOB! YOU GOT
BRAIN KID, YOU
CAN GO TO
THE TOP!

OKAY,
"POCKETS"
I'LL
STICK!

REVEALED, THE "TEACHER"
TURNS TO THE "PUPILS" OF
HIS STRANGE "SCHOOL"

NOW MANY MEN
CARRY THEIR WALLETS
IN THE BACK POCKETS
SO WE LIFT THE JACKET
GENTLY, SLIDE OUR
HANDS IN
LIKE THIS
AND...

"BOY,
AIN'T
"POCKETS"
SUCK T?

BY THE TIME
WE GET
THROUGH
HERE WE'RE
BONNA KNOW
E-VERY THING!

A CRIME SCHOOL!
A SCHOOL TO TEACH
BOYS HOW TO BECOME
CRIMINALS? TO
ADMIRE CRIMINALS?
I'M GOING TO DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT THIS!

LATER AS BRUCE WAYNE HE
SPEAKS WITH YOUNG DECA BRIMSON,
BETTER KNOWN AS ROBIN THE
BOY WONDER

BUT
IF YOU
KNOW IT
WAS A
CRIME
SCHOOL, WHY
DIDN'T YOU
JUST GO IN
AND... EARN
TUP?

EVEN IF I DID HAND
THE TEACHER OVER TO
THE POLICE, THAT
WOULDN'T STOP THE BOYS
FROM STILL ADMIRING
CRIMINALS. WE'VE
GOT TO
BE "SMART"

WE'VE GOT
TO MAKE THESE
BOYS MAKE UP ME
AND EVIL AND NOT
LOOK UP TO A
RACKETEER LIKE
BIG BOY DANIELS
WHO'S PROBABLY
THEIR "DEAL"

I
SEE, WE'VE
GOT TO TEACH
THEM TO A MORE
HONESTY
FAIR PLAY!

EXACTLY!
AND THAT'S WHERE
YOU COME IN!
NOW, I
HAVE A
PLAN!

BRUCE BEGINS THE FIRST STEP IN HIS CAMPAIGN BY RENTING AN OLD BARN IN THE SLUM SECTION

I'M GOING TO MAKE A GYMNASIUM HERE FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD!

YES, I CAN LET YOU HAVE THIS PLACE! WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO WITH IT?



HEY RIDE THE NEW KID ON THE BLOCK!

I AIN'T EVER SEEN HIM BEFORE!

A FEW DAYS LATER A NEW BOY MAKES HIS APPEARANCE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

COME ON LETS HAVE SOME FUN W/ HIM!

NEW KID AROUND HERE AIN'T CRA! WELL I'M BUTCH AND I'M THE BOSS O' THE BLOCK!

SO WHAT?

SO THIS I'M GONNA PUT IN YOUR FACE IN!

THEN I'D BETTER MOVE IT!

HAPPY DATE!

THEN, AS THE BOY RUSHES FORWARD ONCE MORE DICK SIDESTEPS AND...

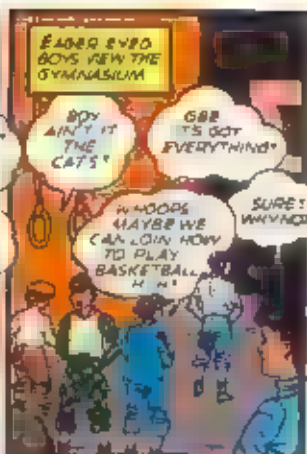
YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME! I LL

WELL IF I CAN'T DO THAT!

I CAN DO THIS!

HEY! DID YA SEE THAT IN!

HEY CATS!



THE BOYS GRATEFUL TO DICK
TAKE HIM INTO THEIR CONFIDENCE
AND TELL HIM OF THE CRIME SCHOOL

AND BIG BOY
DANIELS IS COMING
DOWN
TODAY!

DICK MAKES
A HASTY
PHONE CALL

THAT NIGHT, IF YOU
LOOK FOR DICK AND NINE
IS ENROLLED IN THE
LITMIA SCHOOL!

AND
"POCKETS"
IS SMART?
HE KNOWS
EVERYTHING!

SURE
AN ALL
WAVE
WM IS A CUT
OF YOUR
TAKE?

COME
DOWN A
NIGHT? BIG
BOY DANIELS
IS COMING BE
THREE!

TO GO
DOWN THERE
I'LL BE AT THE
MUNICIPAL
STANDING
IN?

AND
NOW STUDENTS
I WANT
PRESENT A MAN
YOU KNOW
YOUR OWN
PROFESSION
BIG BOY
DANIELS!

MY
REELERS?

TM
DOWN BE
A B.T.S. NOT
L.C.B. &
SHELLAY?

THEY
CAN WE
LET
GO
DANIELS?

BIG BOY
HAS DECIDED
TO TAKE
ONE OF THE
BEST
PLAYS
IN THE
MOB

LEAVE THE BOY
A COUPLE OF MY BOYS
IN THE GUN A TONE YOU
TAKEN A BENEVOLENT
AT THE
READ - JUST
TO A TONY NIGHT?

WHAT A
BRE-K
THEY
WANT
BIL BOY

WITH
A
GUN?

THAT NIGHT THE HEADQUARTERS
OF BIG BOY DANIELS



THE BATMAN HANGS ON HIS COPE OUT
SHE A V... THE HEARD THE HOUSE

INSIDE BIG BOY
GIVES HIS MEN
INSTRUCTIONS

YOU MUGS
4 SP...
EACH ONE
TAKE A...
W...
THE C...
WILL LEAVE
THE VAN PLAYS
APARTMENT

AND I CAN
HELP IT?

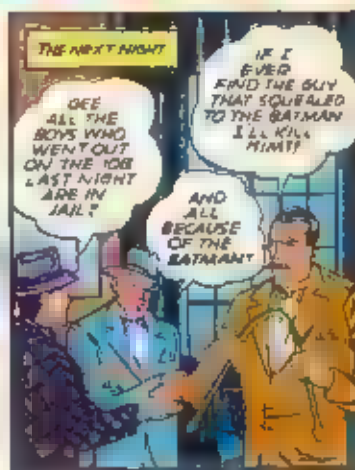
THE NEXT
NIGHT THE
WILLY FLUR
WAREHOUSE?

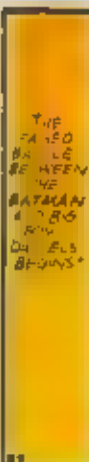
WHO LEFT
THE RAT
TRADOWN
AND LET
YOU OUT?

THIS
J...
NOW?

YEAH?
NIGHT?









FEAR SUDDENLY,
CROSSES BIG BOY'S
FACE, AND AS HE
RISES HE GRASPS A
CHAIR AND

"I
CAN'T
LAY YOU'RE
ALIVE"
"WARR"

"I'LL
KILL
YOU!"

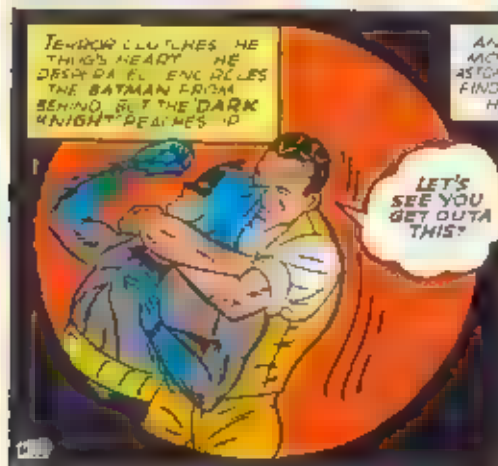


AS BIG BOY CLOSES IN ON THE
BATMAN, HIS WIDE HANDS WIND
THEMSELVES AROUND HIS NECK



WITH A SUDDEN SURGE OF
STRENGTH THE BATMAN
SHOVES THE MONSTER
FROM HIM!

"GET UP AND
FIGHT" "RATE" THAT
WAS ONLY A TASTE
OF WHAT YOU'RE
GOING TO GET!"



TENDER CLUTCHES HE
THINGS HEARDY HE
DESPERATELY ENCLOSES
THE BATMAN FROM
BEHIND, BUT THE DARK
KNIGHT REFINES UP

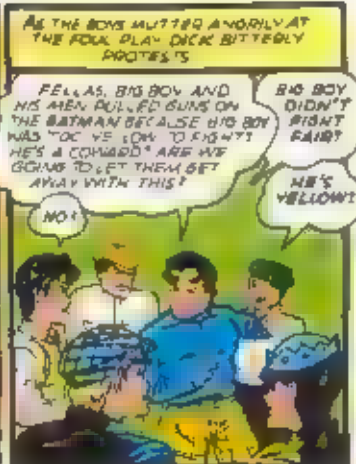
"LET'S
SEE YOU
GET OUTA
THIS!"



AND THE NEXT
MOMENT THE
ASTONISHED GAMBLER
FINDS HIMSELF ON
HIS BACK

"UGH!"

"GEE WH" "FELLERS
WOTTA S DO?"
"BAY"
"CAN'T GET
BATMAN
FIGHT ON
BOX!"





BUT OUTSIDE
RIDDING & ROY'S
THE HOUSEHOLD
WALK, IS A STRANGE
FIGURE



STRANGE FIGURE
INDICED STRANGE
FIGURE WITH A
WOMAN'S BODY
AND CAT'S
HEAD



I'LL
TAKE
THOSE!

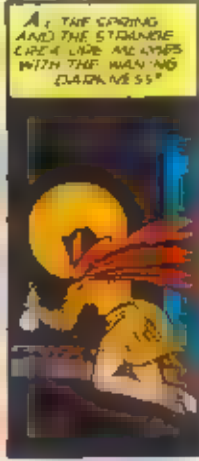
MOVING WITH CURIOUS
CAT LIKE GAZE
THE STRANGE INTRODUCER
STEPS INTO THE ROOM

WHA?



SEMI HANDS, WITH NAILS LIKE CLAWS
REACH OUT SWIFTLY FOR THE JEWELS

I THOUGHT I
WOULD MOVE & I
WERE NOT UNTIL
I HAD FINISHED
LOOTING AND IT
WAS FINISHED
AL REVOIR?



AT THE SPRING
AND THE STRANGE
CREA LIKE MEANS
WITH THE MANING
DARKNESS?



WHILE
INSIDE THE
MAN MAKES
A HURRIED
PHONE
CALL

HE LO, POLICE
I'VE BEEN
ROBBED BY
THAT WEIRD
CREATURE THE
CAT YES
I SAID THE
CAT?

WHO IS THE CAT ???

CAT HAS
DROPPED
JEWELS

CAT WOMAN LOOTS SAFE

ONCE MORE
& MORE & MORE
SPOT LOSTENED
THE JEWELRY, TURN
THE CAT HAS
TRUCK AGAIN?

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE IS SOON HEARD

THE CAT IS
MAKING THE
POLICE LOOK
RIDICULOUS!

IMAGINE
BEING MADE
A POOL OF
BY A MERE
GAIL!

WHY
DON'T THE POLICE
DO SOMETHING
ABOUT IT?

AND THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE IS
HEARD BY POLICE COMMANDER BORDON

WHAT SORT OF
HERO ARE YOU? IF
WE DON'T CATCH THE
CAT SOON THE
DEPARTMENT IS
GOING TO BE THE
LAUGHING
STOCK OF
THE COUNTRY!

WELL,
MCDONALD
YOU MANAGED TO
ROUND UP THAT
LUCKY HORSE - NO
LAST NIGHT WHEN
NO ONE ELSE COULD -
HEAVEN KNOWS HOW!
- ANYWAY I'M
ASSIGNING YOU TO
BRING IN THE
CAT!

YESSIR!
AND AS
SURE AS
MY NAME
IS
MCDONALD

SHADDUP!

(GULP)
Y-YES SIR!

WHILE IN THE HOME OF A CERTAIN
BRUCE WAYNE WHO HAS THE
UNLAVORY REPUTATION OF BEING A
SPENDTHRIFT SOCIETY PLAYBOY

OUR OLD
FRIEND THE
CAT SEEMS
TO BE
MAKING
HEADLINES!

I SUPPOSE
THAT'S MORE
OR LESS A CALL
FOR YOU TO GO
INTO ACTION

MY BOY,
YOU ANTICIPATE
MY EVERY
MOVE I'M
GOING
AFTER THE
CAT!

I SORT
OF FIGURED
YOU WOULDN'T
JUST SIT
AROUND!

WHAT STRANGE TALK IS THIS
FOR AN IDLE PLAYBOY AND
HIS WARD TO USE!

BUT THIS TALK
IS NOT REALLY
SO STRANGE, FOR
ALMOST IN A
TRICE BRUCE
WAYNE HAS
BECOME THE
BATMAN,
DEADLY
FOE OF THE
UNDERWORLD!

WELL,
KID
HERE
I GO!

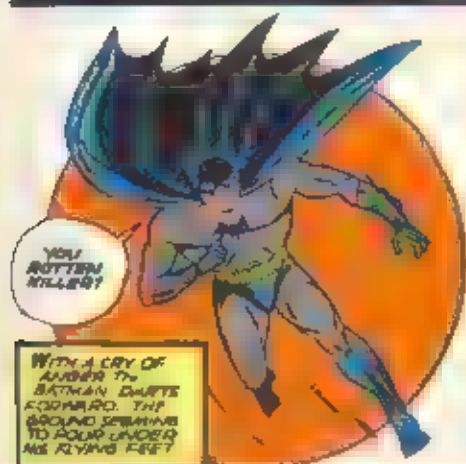
GOOD LUCK
YOU'LL NEED IT -
WITH THE CAT!

LIKE A TALL
MANTLED WEAITH
IN THE DARKNESS,
THE BATMAN MOVES
UNDER THE VERY
SHROUD OF NIGHT ITSELF

KEEPING WELL IN THE SHADOWS, THE BATMAN
PLITS ACROSS THE CITY STREETS, UNTIL



AS HE TURNS THE
CORNER HE SEES...



BEFORE THE TRICK CAN
MOVE, HE IS UPON THEM.
HIS FISTS BLASTING
POWER-HOUSE BLOWS



AS THE MURDERER
STRUGLES WITH
RESTLESS SPEED,
HIS HAND RAISED
WITH A GLEAMING
KNIFE, THE BATMAN
WHIRLS SWIFTLY AND





AND SENDS
THE MAN
FLYING OVER
HIS SHOULDER
TO LAND
ON THE GROUND

THE BATMAN PULLS THE
KNIFE FROM THE STABBED
MAN



HOW IS IT
FEELING? CAN
YOU TALK? WHY
DID THEY DO
THIS TO YOU?

DIAMOND
KNIVES ARE
EASIER TO
OWN THAN
WARM THEM



WARN
THEM
ABOUT
WHAT?

WARN
THEM TO
WATCH OUT
FOR
ALAN



WISE
GUY EH?
CAN'T SEND
YOUR OWN
BUSINESS?



WHAT'S
THE PROBLEM?
HE'S YOUR
STOOP?

A
PLATFOOT
CHOMP?



BUT THE LAD
QUICKLY SPEEDS
AWAY, LEAVING
RECOGNITION BEHIND

OOT
AWAY?
I THE
BATMAN?



ALL SOUNDLY WHEN THE
BATMAN REGAINS
CONSCIOUSNESS

WHAT
MY SONGER?
HARSH LIFE?

YESSIR
BATMAN
THIS
TIME I GOT YOU
DEAL TO WISH
ME GONIGLE ALWAYS
OF THE MAN!
EVEN THE
BATMAN



SO SORRY TO DO THIS BUT IT'S ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY!

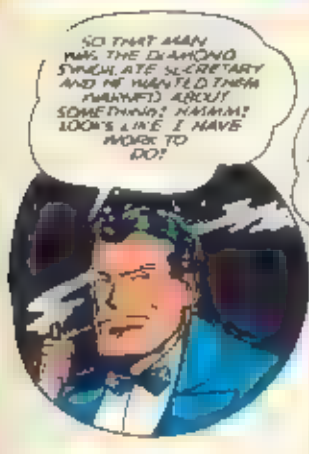


NO USE OWING AFTER M M HE'S DONE" BETTER NOT THINK AND NOT MENTIONS THE BATMAN OR THE BOYS WILL LAUGH AT ME AGAIN



NEXT MORNING BRUCE READS THE NEWS HE HAS BEEN WAITING FOR

HERALD
MYSTERIOUS MURDER
D. A. PR
THE DIAMOND SYNDICATE
HINDUSTAN
MURDERED BY THE
KARNATAKA NO
LEAVE BY
SOMEONES IN THE
ROOM IN THE
KARNATAKA NO
LEAVE BY
SOMEONES IN THE
ROOM IN THE



SO THAT MAN WAS THE DIAMOND SYNDICATE SECRETARY AND HE WANTED THEM MURDERED ABOUT SOMETHING? HMMMM! LOOKS LIKE I HAVE MORE TO DO!



BRUCE VISITS HIS GOOD FRIEND POLICE INVESTIGATOR GORDON WHO IS NOT AWARE THAT HE IS THE MYSTERIOUS BATMAN

AH BRUCE I WAS NOT SAYING TO SPEAK IT THAT DIAMOND SYNDICATE ABOUT THAT MURDERED MAN" IF YOU HAVE NOTHING TO DO YOU CAN COME ALONG!

IT MIGHT BE INTERESTING! THANKS I WILL!



BRUCE IS SOON ACQUAINTED WITH THE DIAMOND SYNDICATE!

AND YOU CAN'T GIVE ME ANY REASON WHY YOUR MAN WHO HAVE BEEN KILLED AND DIED IT

NONE AT ALL! I AM UNDERSTAND IT!

PERHAPS THERE'S SOMETHING WE CAN DO WITH THE LATEST SHIPMENT OF DIAMONDS?



WHAT DO YOU MEAN, MR BLAKE?

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A SHIPMENT OF MAGNIFICENT DIAMONDS WHICH WE WILL DISPLAY TOMORROW NIGHT IN OUR SALON

ALL OF SOCIETY WILL SEE THE GEMS WORN BY PROFESSIONAL MODELS WE HAVE HIRDED - PERHAPS

YOU THINK PERHAPS HE KNOWS THAT SOME ONE WILL BE AFraid OF HIS DEATH THAT HE WOULD BE KILLED TO BE SHOT UP? WELL NO MORE DUBIOUS MURDER THE HELL! WE WILL GUARD THE SALON!

BETWEEN YOU AND ME MR. BLAKE OURS WE SHOULD CERTAINLY BE WELL PROTECTED

ARRIVING AT HOME, BRUCE
DISCUSSES PLANS WITH DIK

HE HIRTS HADNERS
HOFFER BLAKE AND
DARREL THINK THEY
WILL BE WELL PROTECTED,
BUT I'M NOT SO SURE! NOW,
I'M GOING TO BE THERE
TO KEEP WATCH -
WHILE YOU

AND ANOTHER PERSON IS
ALSO HAVING PLANS THE CAT!

AT THE
DIAMOND SHOW
WILL BE ON
TUESDAY NIGHT!
BUT THEY MAY
NOT LABEL THE BUT
THE CAT WILL
BE THERE!!

NEXT NIGHT, BRUCE WAYNE
IS AMONG THOSE TAKING THE
ELEVATOR THAT LEADS TO THE
FLOOR OF THE DIAMOND
SALON

POLICE
EVIDENTLY
THEY'RE NOT
TAKING
ANY CHANCES!

AS SOON AS THE GUESTS ARE
SEATED THE DIAMOND SHOW
BEGINS

AS I HAVE
BEEN TOLD
THEY WILL
WILL MODEL
OUR NEWEST
WITH THE
WEAVING A
NEW A LOT
OF RUBIES!

AND
NOW THE
DIAMOND
CLIP IN THE
AN IS STARTED
WILL BE
TEN THOUSAND
DO. I AM!

AT LAST THE SHOW COMES TO THE
CLIMAX OF THE EVENING

THEY AND GENTLEMAN
WILL TAKE THE PRIZES AWAY
OF PERFECT DIAMONDS! THEY
HAVE BEEN VALUED AT
TO A MILLION DOLLARS!
A MAN'S
RANSOM!

WITHOUT WARNING THE
MODEL'S HAND DIPS INTO HER
POCKET HURDLES SOMETHING TO
THE FLOOR AND THERE IS A
SUDDEN FLIRTS AND BLINDING
FLASHES HIT

SWIFT AS A STRIKING FLAME SHE
LEAPS DOWN THE STAIRS TOWARD
THE FLOOR WHICH

OUT!

WHA!

AS THE DOOR CLANGS SHUT THE GIRL PEELS OFF THE JEWELRY A BLOND WIG PLACES ALL IN HER BAG



THAT MASK CAN'S COVER MY NOSE! LIKE A LARVA! NOW FOR MY MASK!

AND AS THE DOOR CREAKS AT THE STEEL FLOOR A 2' HT 150 LB CAT



HOLY SMOKE! THE CAT!

GRAB HER!

NOT THIS TIME!

BUT AS THE CAT RAKES TOWARD HER WIG AND ANOTHER WHIPS



COME ON, BABY YOU'RE GOING FOR A RIDE!

THAT'S THE CAT! GET IT?

LET GO OF ME!



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AND SEALED AT THE WHIFF OF THIS POWDER, LARRY RIPS THE PAPER OFF REVEALING A ROBIN

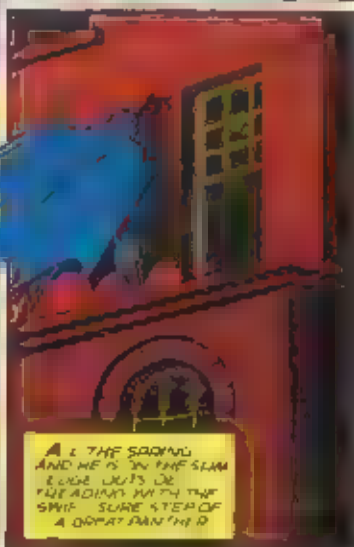


I'LL JUST KEEP THEM A SIGHT! DON'T WANT THEM TO GET TO THE POINT SOMEONE'S FOLLOWING!

WHILE BACK AT THE SAL IN BULK E WAINSTEIN PUT AN EMPTY WASTE PEELS OFF HIS CLOTHING AND STANDS REVEALING AS THE VORTEX OF CLOTHES THE BATMAN!



THIS IS THE ONLY WAY I CAN GET AWAY FROM HIM! WITHOUT ATTRACTING ATTENTION!



ALL THE SMOKE AND HE IS IN THE SEMI EDGE OUTS OF THE DRIVING WITH THE SWIF. SURE STEP OF A DOPPELGÄNGER!



A THIN, STRONG ROPE
GOES INTO PLACE. HE
SPRINGS OUT INTO EMPTY
SPACE AND DOWN TO
THE GROUND!



MOMENTS LATER THE
HOME OF DARGEL OF THE
DIAMOND SYNDICATE

NO WORD YET!
- SHOULD
HAVE HAD
A CALL A
HALF HOUR
AGO



WOULD
THAT BE A
SOUVEL OR
BUSINESS
CALL
DARGEL?

WHO?
THAT VILLAIN
YOU OF THE
BATMAN? I'LL



I'M SORRY
OF TALKING
ABOUT PEOPLE
POINTING
FINGERS AT ME? DROP IT!



NOW DON'T
ANNOY ME
OR I'LL REALLY
GET TO
WORK ON
YOU!



FROM HIS UTILITY BELT
THE BATMAN ASSEMBLES
PARTS THAT FORM A TINY
WIRELESS SET

NOW TO CONTACT
ROBIN AND
FIND OUT
DEVELOPMENTS!

WELL,
KID
WHAT'S
HAPPENED?



A SECOND LATER THE
BATMAN IS IN TALK
WITH ROBIN, WHO IS
A WHEELS-BUILT IN THE
HOLLYWOOD BELT
BUCKLE!

PLENTY!
YOUR
HUNCH WAS
RIGHT! LISTEN...



AND AFTER THE BATMAN
HAS LEARNED ALL HE
NEEDED TO KNOW

OK NOW
DARGEL!
I'M GOING
TO BREAK
THIN! ARE
RIGHT
NOW!

SHORTLY AFTER, THE BATMAN MEETS ROBIN AT THE HOOKER'S CAR

THEY'RE INSIDE!

RIGHT! YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO?

YOU COME WITH ME

PAUSING OUTSIDE THE DOOR, THE BATMAN SUDDENLY THROWS IT OPEN AND FORCIBLY SHOVS DARRYL INSIDE

WHAT???

HERE!! A GUN! THE CAT T-ED! THESE THUGS!

AND INSIDE DARRYL IS SURPRISED TO SEE HIS BUSINESS PARTNER HERE!!

DARRYL?

STARTLING WORDS!

YOU RAT? WHEN YOU AND I DECIDED TO HIRE THE CAT TO STEAL THE DIAMONDS, BECAUSE WE NEEDED MONEY, I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO DOUBLE CROSS ME!

I SUDDENLY DECIDED YOU AND THE CAT WOULD BE TAKING TOO MUCH OF A CUT! I'M GOING TO GET RID OF BOTH OF YOU!

BUT BEFORE THE WOULD-BE MURDERER CAN PRESS THE TRIGGER, TWO MANTLED POLICES SWEEP INTO THE ROOM LIKE SWIRLING WHIRLWINDS

AND THAT ROBBY RID?

THE DOOR WAS OPEN, SO I DIDN'T BOTHER TO KNOCK!

BATMAN!

AS FAD THUGS SPRING TO THE BATMAN'S BROAD RAY, HE SHAKES THEM OFF AS A DOG MIGHT SHAKE OFF FLEAS!

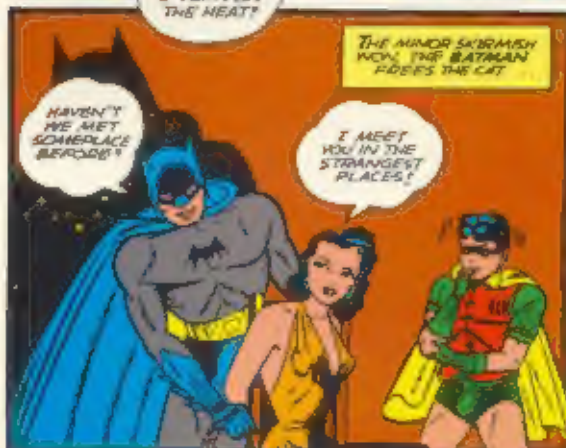
WHY DON'T YOU ROYS BEHAVE!

WITH THE SWIFTNESS OF CHAM-LIGHTNING, THE BATMAN SNOOPS FOR HIS PREY. HIS FISTS WORKING LIKE TRIP-HAMMERS



PARDON ME WHILE I TURN IN THE HEAT!

AS FOR ROBIN HE SEEMS TO BE QUITE BUSY TRYING TO PROVE HE REALLY IS THE WONDER BOY!



HAVEN'T WE MET SOMEPLACE BEFORE?

THE MINOR SQUEAMEN WOM: THE BATMAN FLEES THE CAT

I MEET YOU IN THE STRANGEST PLACES!



FREED, THE CAT HURLS HERSELF AT HOFFER, HER LONG NAILS SLASHING LIKE THE CLAWS OF A TIGER

TRY TO DOUBLE-CROSS ME WILL YOU?

WOULD GET HER OFF ME?



I'LL SCRATCH HIS EYES OUT!

YOU CERTAINLY LIVE UP TO YOUR NAME - CAT!


KEEP HER AWAY FROM ME!




WELL NOW THAT YOU HAVE US, WHAT GOOD DO YOU THINK IT WILL DO YOU? AFTER ALL YOU HAVE NO PROOF! IT WILL BE YOUR WORD AGAINST MINE!

THE MEN ARE QUICKLY TRUSSSED UP

ON THE CONTRARY I HAVE SOME VERY GOOD PROOF!




NOTICE THE LATEST THING IN CAMERAS A "WREST-WATCH" TYPE - IT TOOK SOME VERY EXCELLENT PICTURES OF YOU WITH THE GUN IN YOUR HAND, TRYING TO KILL DARREL, AND OF THE CAT AND THE HOOGLUMST EXPLAIN THAT TO THE JUDGE!




SO, UPDOWN TO BLAKE, DARREL AND HOFFER HIGED YOU TO STEAL THE DEAD? THEY WERE INTRIGUED OF COURSE, SO THE FIRST HOOGLUMST SUPER THE LOSS?

THAT'S RIGHT, DARREL AND HOFFER ARRANGED FOR ME TO BE HIRED AS A MODEL TO WEAR THE DEAD! BUT HOW DID YOU GET ME TO ALL THIS?




I DID A LITTLE RESEARCH WORK AND FOUND OUT THAT HOFFER AND DARREL NEEDED MONEY TO COVER THEIR LOSSES ON THE STOCK MARKET! I FIGURED SOMETHING WAS UP WHEN THAT CLERK WAS MURDERED!



YOUR MEN KILLED HIM, TO SHUT HIM UP - ISN'T THAT RIGHT, HOFFER?

MIGHT AS WELL ADMIT IT, HE OVERHEARD ME TALKING ON THE PHONE TO ONE OF THESE MEN. I SAW HE WAS SUSPICIOUS, SO...



WELL, CAT, I'M SORRY, BUT I GUESS YOU'VE GOT TO GO ALONG TO THE POLICE TOO?

IT DOESN'T MATTER! YOU SAVED MY LIFE! I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THAT!



LIKE THIS?

SUDDENLY, WITH A SWIFT, SURPRISING MOVEMENT, THE CAT SHOWS THE BATMAN BACK

...THICKS OUT OF THE HOUSE AND SLAMS THE DOOR

I GUESS YOU'D BE RIGHT ABOUT THAT... BUT IT'S TOO BAD A CROOK LIKE THAT HAS TO GET AWAY, EVEN IF SHE IS A GIRL!

YEA, AND IT'S TOO BAD SHE HAS TO BE A CROOK!

SOMETIME LATER, AS THE GREAT MISDOINGLE WALKS TOWARD THE STATION HOUSE...

NO SKIN OF THE CAT? I... WHA...?

MEOWSABLE UNTIES THE PACKAGE TO FIND

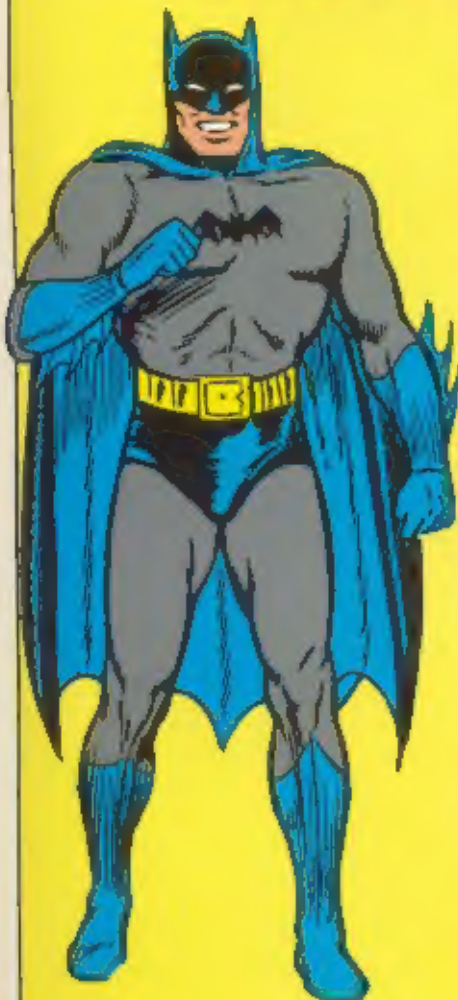
Here are the missing funds. I will explain the reasons for the loss of them and will return your money.

Yours truly,
[Signature]

I SORT OF WISH THE BATMAN WERE DRIVING THIS CAR...AND I WERE SITTING BESIDE HIM...AND WE WERE JUST ANOTHER BOY AND GIRL OUT FOR A RIDE ON A MAGNIFICENT NIGHT...THAT WOULD BE SORT OF... NICE!!

The **BATMAN**

SAYS:



HELLO, Readers! Now that you've read all these new adventures of mine and Robin's, I'd like to talk right AT you for a minute or so.

I think Robin and I make it pretty clear that WE HATE CRIME AND CRIMINALS! There's nothing we like better than to crack down on the diabolical deviousness of the underworld. Why? Because we're proud of being AMERICANS—and we know there's no place in this great country of ours for lawbreakers!

That phrase, "CRIME DOESN'T PAY," has been used over and over again to the point where I hesitate to repeat it. But remember this: IT'S JUST AS TRUE NOW AS IT EVER WAS—AND THAT'S **POUND TRUE!**

Sure, it may seem that lawbreakers DO get away with breaking the law. Some may get away with it longer than others. But in the end, every crook gets what's coming to him—and that means plenty of trouble with the law!

Robin and I hope that our adventures may help to "put over" that fact. We'd like to feel that our efforts may help every youngster to grow up into an honest, useful citizen.

It depends on YOU and YOU and YOU. You've got to govern your own lives so that they can be worthwhile, fruitful lives—not lives wasted in prison, or even thrown away altogether before the merry gins of the law-enforcement agents who duty it is to guard those of us who are honest from those of us who are not. And not only must you guide your OWN life in the proper channels—you must also strive to be a good influence on the lives of others.

If you do all this, if you are definitely on the side of law and Order, then Robin and I salute you and are glad to number you among our friends!

...and what the BATMAN
also goes DOUBT for real

